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HAI-NAN MILITARY ACTIVITY CONTINUES

ASKS FOR MILITARY SUPPLIES FROM TAIWAN -- Hsin-sheng Wan-pao, 15 May 49

Gen Ch'en Chi-t'ang (Ueda: 12864, 6641, 5039), the chief administration officer of Hsi-nan, has departed for Taiwan to negotiate with Gen Ch'en Ch'eng (10354, 11018), the Governor of Taiwan, on the possibility of transferring to Hsi-nan American-made military supplies in Taiwan. Enough equipment is desired to equip three armies whose organization in Hsi-nan is now being planned. Approximately 80 percent of the military supplies obtained from the US are located in Taiwan.

HAI-NAN COMMUNISTS MAY INVADE MAINLAND -- Hua Sheng Pao, 16 May 49

According to a broadcast from Pei-p'ing, the Communist forces in Hai-nan are preparing to cross Ch'ung-chou Strait for participation in liberation of South China by the People's Liberation Army. This strait was once crossed by Hai-nan Communist forces in 1948 when they invaded the former French leased territory of Kuang-chou-wan, near Chen-chiang-shih.

Approximately 350,000 persons and 22 hsions in Hai-nan have been liberated by the Communist forces since 1946.

NATIONALISTS TO STRENGTHEN DEFENSES -- Kung-shang Jih-pao, 13 May 49

It has been reported that the Central Government has decided to strengthen naval and air units at Hai-nan. This move will be made in an effort to control the provinces of the Southwest. Several ships have already been sent to the island.

Government troops on Lei-chou Peninsula are taking precautionary measures to prevent 10,000 Communist troops under Feng Pai-chu (13682, 7709, 13720) from invading the mainland. In the past few weeks 600 Communist troops have already crossed. Government forces and a band of Communist guerrillas are also now engaged in a skirmish on the west bank of the island.

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